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SUBJECT: TIP: SHOWING OF LILYA 4-EVER IN THE HAGUE

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The Global Affairs Section of the US Embassy The Hague invited TIP contacts to a luncheon showing of the feature film LILYA 4-EVER on April 14, 2004, in the Embassy auditorium. A group of 15 including representatives from the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, two NGOs and various embassy sections watched the film. Afterwards, the guests commented that they were impressed with the realism of the story based on their professional experience with TIP. The NGO representatives felt it portrayed well the hidden nature of the crime and the difficulties in reaching out to victims. They said that, like Lilya, victims are often persons who are already inclined to be societal outsiders. Telling them to become insiders doesn't protect them from traffickers. The officials from the Ministry of Justice and Foreign Affairs agreed that watching the film was a good reminder of why we all work together to stop TIP. The Global Section has also offered the video for personal use loan to TIP contacts. Thank you for providing this film.

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